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For:         **Phosphatase Stress-Related Proteins** )  
              **and Methods of Use in Plants** )

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicant submits herewith a Sequence Identification Listing in paper copy and computer readable form, as well as a Statement Accompanying the Sequence Identification Listing pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.821-1.825. Applicant hereby requests entry of the Sequence Identification Listing into the above-referenced application. Applicant respectfully requests that the Appendix as found on pages 68-73 be deleted and replaced therefore with the present Sequence Identification Listing.

Respectfully submitted,

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